**Examination of Bridget Bishop**

*The examination of Bridget Bishop before the Worshipfull   
John Harthon and Jonathan Curren esq'rs*

   Bridget Bishop being now coming in to be examined relating   
to her accusation of Suspicon of sundry acts of witchcrafts the   
afflicted persons are now dreadfully afflicted by her as they doe   
say.

   (Mr Harthon) Bishop what doe you say you here stand charged   
with sundry acts of witchcraft by you done or committed upon the   
bodyes of mercy Lews and An Putnam and others.

   (Bishop) I am innocent I know nothing of it I have done no   
witchcraft

   (Mr Har) Looke upon this woman and see if this be the woman   
that you have seen hurting you. Mercy Lewes and An Putnam and   
others doe [doe] now charge her to her face with hurting of them.

   (Mr Harthon) What doe you say now you see they charge you to   
your face

   (Bish) I never did hurt them in my life I did never see these   
persons before I am as innocent as the child unborn

   (Mr Harth) is not your coate cut

   (Bish) answers no but her garment being Looked upon they find   
it cut or toren two wayes Jonathan walcoate saith that the sword   
that he strucke at goode Bishup with was not naked but was within   
the scabbord so that the rent may very probablie be the very same   
that mary walcoate did tell that she had in her coate by Jonathans   
stricking at her apperance

   The afflicted persons charge her, with having hurt them many   
wayes and by tempting them to sine to the devils Booke at which   
charge she seemed to be very angrie and shaking her head at them   
saying it was false they are all greatly tormented (as I conceive) by   
the shaking of her head

   (Mr Har) good Bishop what contract have you made with the   
devill

   (Bish) I have made no contract with the devill I never saw him in   
my life. An Putnam sayeth that shee calls the devill her God

   (Mr Har) what say you to all this that you are charged with can   
you not find in your heart to tell the truth

   (Bish) I doe tell the truth I never hurt these persons in my life   
I never saw them before.

   (Mercy Lewes) oh goode Bishop did you not come to our house   
the Last night and did you not tell me that your master made you   
tell more than you were willing to tell

   (Mr Har) tell us the truth in this matter how comes these persons   
to be thus tormented and to charge you with doing

   (Bish) I am not come here to say I am a witch to take away my   
life

   (Mr H) who is it that doth it if you doe not they say it is your   
likenes that comes and torments them and tempts them to write in   
the booke what Booke is that you tempt them with.

   (Bish) I know nothing of it I am innocent.

   (Mr Harth) doe you not see how they are tormented you are   
acting witchcraft before us what doe you say to this why have you   
not an heart to confese the truth

   (Bish) I am innocent I know nothing of it I am no witch I know   
not what a witch is.

   (Mr H) have you not given consent that some evill spirit should   
doe this in your likenes.

   (B) no I am innocent of being a witch I know no man woman or   
child here

   (Marshall Herrik) how came you into my bed chamber one   
morning then and asked me whether I had any curtains to sell shee   
is by some of the afflicted persons charged with murder

   (Mr Harth) what doe you say to these murders you are charged   
with

   (B) I am innocent I know nothing of it

   now shee lifts up her eyes and they are greatly tormented again

   (Mr Har) what doe you say to these things here horrible acts of   
witch craft.

   (Bish) I know nothing of it I doe not know whither be any   
witches or no

   (Mr Har) no have you not heard that some have confessed.

   (Bish) no I did not. two men told her to her face that they had   
told her here shee is taken in a plain lie now shee is going away they   
are dreadfully afflicted 5 afflicted persons doe charge this woman to   
be the very woman that hurts them

This is a true account of what I have taken down at her examina-  
tion according to best understanding and observation I have also in   
her examination taken notice that all her actions have great influence   
upon the afflicted persons and that have been tortored by her

*-Ezekiel Cheever.*

### Examination of Candy

*SALEM, Monday, July 4, 1692 . The examination of Candy , a negro woman, before Bartholomew Gedney and John Hawthorne Esqrs. Mr. Nicholas Noyes also present.*

Q. Candy! are you a witch?

A. Candy no witch in her country. Candy's mother no witch. Candy no witch, Barbados. This country,   
mistress give Candy witch.

Q. Did your mistress make you a witch in this country?

A. Yes, in this country mistress give Candy witch.

Q. What did your mistress do to make you a witch?

A. Mistress bring book and pen and ink, make Candy write in it.

Q. What did you write in it?

-- She took a pen and ink and upon a book or paper made a   
mark.

Q. How did you afflict or hurt these folks, where are the puppets you did it with?

-- She asked to go out of the room and she would shew or tell; upon which she had liberty, one going with her, and she presently brought in two clouts, one with two knots tied in it, the other one; which being seen by Mary Warren, Deliverance Hobbs and Abigail Hobbs, they were greatly affrighted and fell into   
violent fits, and all of them said that the black man and Mrs. Hawkes and the negro stood by the puppets or rags and pinched them, and then they were afflicted, and when the knots were untied yet they continued as aforesaid. A bit of one of the rags being set on fire, the afflicted all said they were burned, and cried out dreadfully. The rags being put into water, two of the aforenamed persons were in dreadful fits almost choaked, and the other was violently running down to the river, but was stopped.

**Examination of Martha Carrier**

*The Examination of Martha Carrier . 31. May. 1692*

Q.   Abigail Williams w'o hurts you?

AW.   Goody Carrier of Andover.

Q   Eliz: Hubbard who hurts you?

EH.  Goody Carrier

Q.   Susan:Sheldon, who hurts you?

SS.   Goody Carrier, she bites me, pinches me, & tells me she would cut   
my throat, if I did not signe her book

- Mary Walcot said she afflicted her & brought the book to her.

Q.   What do you say to this you are charged with?

MC.   I have not done it.

- Sus:Sheldon cried she looks upon the black man.

-  Ann Putman complained of a pin stuck in her.

Q.   What black man is that?

MC.   I know none

-   Ann Putman testifyed there was.

-   Mary Warrin cryed out she was prickt.

Q.   What black man did you see?

MC.   I saw no black man but your own presence.

Q.   Can you look upon these & not knock them down?

MC.   They will dissemble if I look upon them.

Q.   You see you look upon them & they fall down

MC.   It is false the Devil is a liar.

Q.   I lookt upon none since I came into the room but you

-   Susan:Sheldon cryed out in a Trance I wonder what could you   
murder. 13. persons?

-   Mary Walcot testifyed the same that there lay.13. Ghosts.

-   All the afflicted fell into most intollerable out-cries & agonies.

-   Eliz: Hubbard & Ann Putman testifyed the same that she had killed   
13. at Andover.

MC.   It is a shamefull thing that you should mind these folks that are out   
of their wits.

Q.   Do not you see them?

MC.   If I do speak you will not believe me?

-   You do see them, said the accusers.

MC.   You lye, I am wronged.

-   There is the black man wispering in her ear said many of the afflicted.

-   Mercy Lewes in a violent fit, was well upon the examinants grasping   
her arm.

-   The Tortures of the afflicted was so great that there was no enduring of it, so that she was ordered away & to be bound hand & foot with all expedition the afflicted in the mean while almost killed to the great trouble of all spectators Magistrates & others.

-   Note. As soon as she was well bound they all had strange & sodain   
ease.

-   Mary Walcot told the Magistrates that this woman told her she   
had been a witch this. 40. yeares.

**(Examination of Mary Easty)**

*The Examination of Mary Eastie . At a Court held at Salem village 22. Apr. 1692  By the Hon. John Hathorne & Jonathan Corwin.*

-   At the bringing in of the the accused severall fell into fits.

Q.   Doth this woman hurt you?

-   Many mouths were stopt, & several other fits seized them

-   Abig: Williams said it was Goody Eastie, & she had hurt her, the like said Mary Walcot, & Ann Putman, John indian said her saw her with Goody Hobbs.

Q.   What do you say, are you guilty?

ME.   I can say before Christ Jesus, I am free.

Q.   You see these accuse you.

ME.   There is a God --

Q.   Hath she brought the book to you?

-   Their mouths were stopt.

Q.   What have you done to these children?

ME.   I know nothing.

Q.   How can you say you know nothing, when you see these tormented , & accuse you that you know nothing?

ME.   Would you have me accuse my self?

Q.   Yes if you be guilty.  How far have you complyed w'th Satan whereby he takes this advantage ag't you?

ME.   Sir, I never complyed but prayed against him all my dayes, I   
have no complyance with Satan, in this. What would you have   
me do?

Q.   Confess if you be guilty.

ME.   I will say it, if it was my last time, I am clear of this sin.

Q.   Of what sin?

ME.   Of witchcraft.

Q.   Are you certain this is the woman?

-   Never a one could speak for fits.

-   By and by Ann Putman said that was the woman, it was like her, & she told me her name;

Q.   It is marvailous to me that #[she] you should sometimes think they are bewitcht, & sometimes not, when severall confess that they have been guilty of bewitching them.

ME.   Well Sir would you have me confess that that I never knew?

-   Her hands were clincht together, & then the hands of Mercy   
Lewis was clincht

Q.   Look now you hands are open, her hands are open.  Is this the woman?

-   They made signes but could not speak, but Ann Putman after-  
wards Betty Hubbard cryed out Oh. Goody Easty, Goody Easty you   
are the woman, you are the woman Put up her head, for while her head is bowed the necks of these are broken.

Q.   What do you say to this?

ME.   Why God will know.

Q.   Nay God knows now.

ME.   I know he dos.

Q.   What did you think of the actions of others before your sisters   
came out, did you think it was Witchcraft?

ME.   I cannot tell.

Q.   Why do you not think it is Witchcraft?

ME.   It is an evil spirit, but wither it be witchcraft I do not know, 

- Severall said she brought them the Book & then they fell into fits.

-   Salem Village March 24'th. 1691/2.

-  Mr Sam'l parris being desired to take in wrighting the Examination of Mary Eastie hath delivered itt as aforesaid

-   Upon heareing the aforesaid, and seeing what wee then did see, togeather with the Charge: of the persons then present Wee Committed s'd. Mary Easte to theire Majest's Goale

*\*John Hathorne   
\*Jonathan. Corwin {   
Assists*

Tasks and Questions

1. Summarize each examination in no more than 2 paragraphs.

2. What were the hardest parts about reading these source documents?

3. What were three shocking/disturbing pieces of information from these actual documents?

4.After reading these source documents, what do you now think of the judges and accusers of the actual Salem trials?

5. What connections did you find with the play *The Crucible*?